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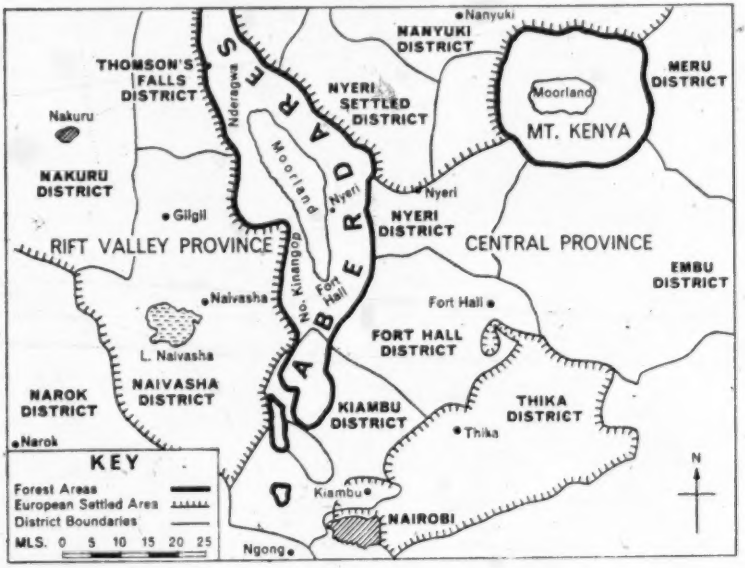
herding the animals. Sometimes, when playing with the other boys, I used these eggs like rocks, throwing them at my playmates. When I returned home from the pasture in the evening, I played with the Boer's many children. We often went swimming in the dam or into the forest to shoot birds with our slingshots or simply played and fought in the fields. The European had 12 children so there was always someone to play with. Other African squatter children spent time with me during the day while grazing or morn-



ing and evening times when they came for skimmed milk at the farm's dairy, which was near our hut and [for] which my father was responsible.

As my father had such large herds, which he could not look after himself—being in the big house with cooking and cleaning—he thought it wise to marry a second wife in 1932. By this time my mother had given birth to three more children, all of them girls. Not long after my father became a polygamist, my mother and the three sisters suddenly fell ill and died. I don't know for sure what caused their death, but according to what people said, they were victims of witchcraft—which means they died of quick-acting

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